

IOA IYS Schools competition 2021 Terms and Conditions:

1. This competition is promoted by the Institute of Acoustics (IOA) based at:
406 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2AF, UK.
2. This promotion is open to all secondary schools in the UK.
3. You must be attending secondary school to enter this competition and supported by at least one registered teacher from the school you are attending who can verify your identity as a pupil of the school. Participation in this competition must comply with the relevant health and safety requirements that apply to this type of activity at your school.
4. How to enter: Entries must be submitted in a standard electronic format (e.g. Word, pdf or similar) to SchoolsIYS@ioa.org.uk. Please include the name and age of the participating pupils as well as name and contact details of the school for each competition entry. There are no limits to the number of entries from a secondary school, however the school must be located in the UK. A confirmation email will be sent out upon receipt of your application. If you do not receive this following your submission, then it will be your responsibility to make contact with the IOA either via email, phone or by writing to ensure the application has been safely received. Please allow 2-3 days to receive a confirmatory response about your entry. Note that any posted paper entries will not be accepted, all entries need to be submitted electronically.
5. The opening date for entries is 17th May 2021. The closing date for entries is 23.59 hours on 31st July 2021. No entries received after this time will be accepted. Any entry that was submitted by or before 31st July 2021 will be accepted as having been submitted within the competition timeframe.
6. Entries are entirely free to any secondary schools based in the UK. Unfortunately, if your school is not based in the UK, you will not be able to enter this competition.
7. Although there are no limits to the number of entries that a school can make, any individual pupil can only submit one entry and will need to have the written support of a registered teacher in their school. There is no minimum size in terms of the number of students who can enter as a team, nor is there a maximum size, as long as the entry is supported by a registered teacher at their school. However, the number of students able to attend the awards ceremony is limited to no more than 3 students (see clause 8). It is the direct responsibility of the schools and teachers to ensure that consent has been obtained by the parents/guardians of the students who are participating or by the students themselves if they are of 16 years of age or over, and the school is responsible for ensuring that all entries are free of any third party copyright infringements or restrictions.
8. The prize is as follows:

The winning entry will receive £500 for their school plus an engraved crystal trophy. COVID permitting, the winning school will be invited to receive their prize at this year's Noise Abatement Society's John Connell Awards ceremony which is being held at the Houses of Parliament on 20th October 2021. They will be able to send up to three students who have participated in the submission, plus one parent per pupil attending, plus one teacher to receive the winning prize in person. Travel and subsistence expenses of up to £500 will also be available.

If COVID prevents the awards ceremony from occurring, arrangements will be made for representatives from the IOA to visit the winning school to present the prize.

9. The prize is non-refundable, non-transferable, and subject to availability. Alternative arrangements may need to be made subject to any COVID restrictions in place at the time of prize giving or for any other unexpected reason that may arise.

10. No prize alternatives are available to the pupils and schools that enter.

11. The IOA reserves the right in their reasonable discretion to substitute any prize with a prize of equal or greater value without prior notification.

12. The winning entry for the competition will be judged by a panel of experts. The decision of the judging panel and the IOA will be final.

13. All entrants are expected to act fairly and in the good spirit of the competition. The IOA reserves the right to investigate any irregularities and disqualify entrants at their absolute discretion.

14. The prize will be delivered to the winning entry between 1st October 2021 and 1st December 2021, subject to any COVID restrictions that may be in place. The IOA reserves the right to select another winning entry if the original winners cannot be contacted within a reasonable timeframe or the original winners are unable to confirm their acceptance and participation in the prize giving ceremony.

15. Any entry containing incorrect, false or indecipherable information will be rejected. Any applications made on behalf of or for another student, team or school will not be included in the competition. You warrant to us that you created your competition entries, that you own all of the copyright in those entries, and that our use of the entries in accordance with these terms and conditions will not infringe any person or company's intellectual property rights or other legal rights. Any submission where there is a potential risk of copyright infringement or restrictions will be automatically disqualified.

16. The IOA's decision as to who has won the competition shall be final.

17. To obtain details of the prize winner after the closing date, please email SchoolsIYS@ioa.org.uk. Information about the winning entry will be published on the IOA's website (www.ioa.org.uk). The winning entry is likely to be announced sometime in September 2021, if not before.

18. The entry instructions are part of the terms and conditions for this competition.

19. By entering the competition you are agreeing to accept these terms and conditions (both as a school, parent/guardian and pupil, as the case may be). Any breach of these terms and conditions by you will mean that your entry will not be valid, and your entry will not be considered by the judging panel.

20. By entering this competition you are agreeing that, if you win, the name of your school and of the participants in the winning team may be a) used for the purpose of announcing the winner and/or b) distributed to individuals who request details of the winner and/or c) in any related publicity by the IOA, without additional payment or permission. It is anticipated that some photographs will be taken at the prize giving ceremony and the IOA will retain the right to use these images and details of the school and the winning team for publicity purposes to its members as well as for publishing on its website and across any other external promotional platforms. You grant to us an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual and irrevocable licence to copy, store, edit, distribute, transmit and publish your competition entries.

21. Any personal information you give us will be used solely for this competition and will not be passed on to any other parties without your written agreement. The IOA's privacy policy can be found at the following link and the IOA will only process any personal information in accordance with this privacy policy:

<https://www.ioa.org.uk/about-us/terms-and-conditions>

See clause 20 with regard to the announcement of winners.

22. Under no circumstances will the IOA be responsible for any loss, personal injury, damages, costs or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions or delays in the promotion of the competition or prize.

23. The IOA will not be responsible unless required by law for any loss, personal injury, damages, costs or expenses, which may arise in connection with this competition apart from those already included in the prize and the IOA can cancel or alter the competition at any stage.

24. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, you irrevocably and unconditionally waive your rights to be identified as the author of your competition entries and any other moral rights which you may now or at any time in the future be entitled under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended from time to time and under all similar legislation from time to time in force anywhere in the world.

25. Any dispute relating to the competition shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.